

Exporting Questions from CPS Examview v6.x Then Importing Them to a Moodle Course

Note: This document addresses Moodle™ version 1.8. Other versions may require modifications to some instructions mentioned herein.

Examview 6.x Export (for Moodle use) works with Windows version only!

Prepare the Examview Export File

1. Launch Examview Test Generator.
2. Open an Existing Question Bank (automatically launches the Question Bank Editor).
3. Navigate to the folder on your network or CD with item banks.
4. Delete any questions that you don't want by clicking on the question and then clicking the delete button.
5. Choose Export from the File Menu → Blackboard 6.0-7.0.
6. Navigate to the location to save the file generated (Desktop is a good choice).
7. Fill in a name for the file and click "next."
8. Choose a name for the file unique to the question set.
9. Click finish to complete the export.
10. A zipped file by the name assigned should now appear on the desktop. (or wherever you elected to save it.)

Transfer the zipped file to your Moodle course

1. Log in to Moodle and enter your course.
2. Turn editing on.
3. In the "Administration" block, choose the "Files" link.
4. Make a new folder. Give it a suitable name (e.g. SciChap1ItemBank).
5. Navigate to that new folder (should be empty!).
6. Now, choose "upload a file."
7. Browse to the location of the zipped question bank export file to select it.
8. Click on the "Upload" button to transfer the zipped file to your new folder.
9. Choose "unzip" for that file once uploaded. Two files and a folder should appear.
10. Open the folder, the folder within that folder and so forth until you see a folder with the unique name you gave the question bank resource in Step 8 of the previous section.
11. Click on the checkbox next to that folder name and then from the pulldown menu, choose to "Move to a new location."
12. Navigate to the question bank folder where the res00000.dat file is located, then choose "move the file here."
13. Use the breadcrumbs to return to your course page.

Import the questions to your Moodle course

1. From the Administration block, choose the "Questions" link.
2. Go the "Categories" tab. Create a category name that describes the questions you are about to import (e.g. SciChap1ItemBank). Save your category.
3. Go to the "Import" tab.
4. Under Format: Choose "Blackboard" (not Blackboard 6.0-7.0).
5. Under Category: Choose the category name you just created in step 2.

6. Leave the third section blank.
7. In the last section, click “choose a file from your course files.” Navigate to the folder in which you unzipped the item bank and select the file “res00000.dat” by clicking on the “Choose” link to the right of the file name.
8. Click [Upload this file]. It will do take a few seconds to do this.
9. Click “Continue” to complete the process.
10. Go to the “questions” tab to view/edit questions that were imported. Not all questions may be imported. Some question types generated by Examview are not supported by Moodle and some may not make sense. (e.g. Linked reading passages in Examview will not be linked directly from Moodle.)

Re-linking images to questions

11. Any questions that included images must be edited to “re-link” those images. The image files can be found in the file folder that is in your item bank directory of your course files.
12. Click the edit tool next to a question in the question list. If one or more image files are included in the question, you should see a placeholder with the image file name in it embedded with text in the text edit window.
13. Click on the placeholder and then click on the insert image tool of the text editor. Navigate to the folder containing the image files (It will be in the folder you uploaded the zipped question bank file to in step 8 of the previous section.
14. Find the file with the same name as indicated in the image placeholder. Type the alternate text (e.g. image file name) then click “okay” to re-link the image. Click okay to return to the question list.
15. Repeat for all other questions that use images.

Clean up your question banks

16. Look at each question in your imported file to determine if you wish to keep it or discard it.
17. Delete questions you don’t want. (Check the checkbox to the left of the question name, then click the “Delete” button at the bottom of the list.)
18. At any time, you can create new categories or subcategories and move question items into these categories (check the checkbox to the left of the question name, then select “Move to” and choose a new category from the pulldown menu at the bottom of the list).

Export your question banks

19. Export a category of questions for sharing or use in another course. Choose the category from the pulldown menu.
20. Choose the File format (for use in another Moodle course, choose “Moodle XML format.”
21. Note the File name: It indicates the originating course, date and time. (You can shorten this for your convenience, if desired.
22. Click the “Export questions to file” button.
23. On the next screen, you will see a list of the questions exported and a blue link at the bottom of the list that says “Click to download the exported category file.” Click this to download the file to your desktop or storage device.